

COMMITTEE OF CONCERN
Planning & Zoning Committee
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Preliminary Report

(for consideration by members of the Planning & Zoning Committee)

Questions on Role of Committee:

How comprehensive should the committee's role be? Obviously, it cannot substitute itself for the Central Planning Board. In what way might it be most effective? It would appear that the best approach would be: (a) to lay down some guiding principles or guidelines and (b) to select some crucial issues for public understanding and support.

Long-range planning and current issues: how they differ and how they interrate. Should both be considered by the same committee?

Guidelines for Consideration:

Newark's future requires a balanced development - - -

1. Improved housing of all types and at various cost levels.
2. Economic growth to create
 - a. Increased employment opportunities
 - b. Increased tax base.
3. Vastly improved and expanded public services: schools, health, recreation, public safety.
4. Improved public transportation.

Efforts to concentrate on any single category of improvement such as more low rental housing without progress in the others, will prove impractical and without

significant, results, and might even prove harmful.

Regionalism

Newark cannot be restored to social, economic and political health without relating its functions and needs to the larger socio-economic complex which it serves as hub or to the county and state as revenue units.

Nature of Newark's housing needs:

- a. Balanced supply for all incomes.
- b. High-rise, low-rise, two-family, row-housing.
- c. Rental, co-op. condominium, private and public.
- d. Most pressing need is for those earning between \$5,000 and \$7,500
(State middle-income program)

Economic Growth:

- a. Employment: Newark's future as an office center. RPA forecasts on office buildings. Retailing. Culture as a magnet. Light industry and research. Taking advantage of Rutgers, NCE and Med. School. Port Newark and Airport. Transportation access to jobs.
- b. Rateables.

Public Services

Level of services (health, education, welfare, public safety, transportation and traffic) required to make Newark attractive for living and for business.

Transportation

CBD requires rapid transit (PATH)

Future of Newark subway

Buses on own r-o-w in CBD

The Medical School

(as per subcommittee of 8/13/67)

Some Broad Questions

- a. Attitude toward official Master Plan
- b. " " Urban Renewal Program
- c. " " Model cities Application
- d. " " insurance industry's investment pledge
- e. " " highway alignments (relocation and esthetics)